

One of the basic streams of modern statistical physics is an effort to understand the frustration and chaos. The basic model to study these phenomena is the finite dimensional Edwards-Anderson Ising model. We present a generalization of this model. We study set systems which are closed under symmetric differences. We show that the important question whether a groundstate in Ising model is unique can be studied in these set systems.

Kreweras' conjecture asserts that any perfect matching of the  $n$ -dimensional hypercube  $Q_n$  can be extended to a Hamiltonian cycle. We prove this conjecture.

The matching graph  $\mathcal{M}(G)$  of a graph  $G$  has a vertex set of all perfect matchings of  $G$ , with two vertices being adjacent whenever the union of the corresponding perfect matchings forms a Hamiltonian cycle. We prove that the matching graph  $\mathcal{M}(Q_n)$  is bipartite and connected for  $n \geq 4$ . This proves Kreweras' conjecture that the graph  $M_n$  is connected, where  $M_n$  is obtained from  $\mathcal{M}(Q_n)$  by contracting all vertices of  $\mathcal{M}(Q_n)$  which correspond to isomorphic perfect matchings.

A fault-free path in  $Q_n$  with  $f$  faulty vertices is said to be *long* if it has length at least  $2^{n-2f}-2$ . Similarly, a fault-free cycle in  $Q_n$  is long if it has length at least  $2^{n-2f}$ . If all faulty vertices are from the same bipartite class of  $Q_n$ , such length is the best possible.

We show that for every set of at most  $2n-4$  faulty vertices in  $Q_n$  and every two fault-free vertices  $u$  and  $v$  satisfying a simple necessary condition on neighbors of  $u$  and  $v$ , there exists a long fault-free path between  $u$  and  $v$ . This number of faulty vertices is tight and improves the previously known results. We also consider much weaker condition of neighbors of  $u$  and  $v$ . We prove that for every set of at most  $(n^2 + n - 4) / 4$  faulty vertices of  $Q_n$ , there exists a long fault-free path between any two vertices such that each of them has at most  $3$  faulty neighbors.